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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

LEE D. WILSON

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-9, 11-15, and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Palenik III (3987579).

Palenik discloses an universal fixture having a plurality of dual axis clamps (38) with slotted holes each rotatably and slidably secured rods (fig.3), and base (13). Palenick III discloses enough parts to anticipate all claim pluralities.

2. Claims 1-9, 11-15, and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hewson (4253649)

Hewson discloses an universal fixture having a plurality of dual axis clamps with slotted holes (fig.3) each rotatably and slidably secured rods (41), and base (60). Hewson discloses enough parts to anticipate all claim pluralities.

3. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Steffen (Re25802).

Steffen discloses an universal fixture having a plurality of dual axis clamps (11) with slotted holes each rotatably and slidably secured rods (60,66,65 or fig.3), and base (61).

Steffen discloses enough parts to anticipate all claim pluralities. A plurality of threaded machine screws (52&63).

Response to Arguments

- 1. Applicant's arguments filed 3/24/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.**

4. Applicant has submit arguments in regard to patentability.
 - a. Claims were amended to show that the have slotted holes.**
 - i. What are slotted holes? The prior art discloses holes the same as the ones shown in the applicants drawings. The applicant has merely presented a term and not structure that reads over the prior art
 - b. Applicant has submitted a definition to the term clamp.**
 - ii. The definition submitted by the applicant is not the broadest interputation of the term clamp. It is more narrow than what can possibly be defined as a clamp. The applicant should see the definition found by the examiner. Please see the attachment. The definition as seen states a device that grips, supports or joins something together. There is not really structure define. This means that the prior art still reads as a clamp. Still the examiner does not see any real structure that is a clamp being claimed.
 - c. Applicant argues that hindsight is being used.**

iii. The hindsight is not being used because the prior art discloses what the applicant is claiming. Slotted holes has not really been defined and the applicant just shows holes. No structure for the clamp has really been defined so what is the clamp. Orthogonal is mentioned but the prior art shows holes that are orthogonal.

Conclusion

2. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

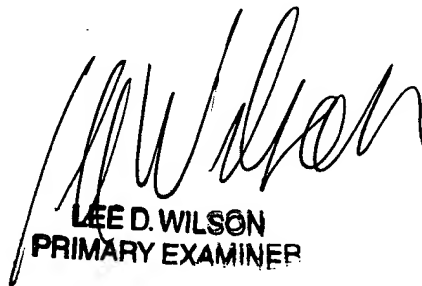
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE D WILSON whose telephone number is 571-272-4499. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOSEPH HAIL can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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